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PROF. WHITFIELD ELECTED PRESIDENT

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION ELECTED PRES-IDENT OF THE L. I. AND C. LAST THURSDAY.

Was Elected at Meeting of Trustees Which Was Held in Jackson; Scramble for State Superintendent is Now On.

As foretold in The Dispatch, Prof. H. L. Whitfield, State superintendent of education, has been elected president of the Industrial Institute and College to succeed Hon. A. A. Kincannon, who recently resigned the presidency of the institution in order that he might accept the chancellorship of the State University at Oxford. The board of trustees of the local institution met in Jackson last Thursday for the purpose of electing a president, and Prof. Whitfield was chosen by a unanimous vote. The result was not unexpected, as it was generally understood when Mr. Kincannon was elected chancellor of the State University that Prof. Whitfield would succed him as president of the I. I. and C.

The election of Prof. Whitfield to succeed Prof. Kincannon is quite a coincident, as Prof. Kincannon himself stepped from his position as State superintendent of education into the presidency of the Industrial Institute and College. Prof. Kincannon was elected president of the local institution in June, 1898, and in Sepember of the same year Governor McLaurin appointed Prof. Whitfield to succeed him as State superintendent. of education. In this position he has been an active and persistent worker, and under his able direction the educational system of the State has been materially improved. He is a man of fine executive ability, and believes in advanced methods and modern ideas. Having been superintendent of education for nearly nine years, he is well acquainted with the needs and requirements of all the educational institutions of the State, and his election to the presidency of Mississippi's splendid college for the education of the young women meets with universal approval. It is not known exactly when Prof. Whitfield will assume the duties of his new position, but Prof. Kincannon will take charge of the University on July 11th, and it is supposed that Prof. Whitfield will take up his duties here on the same

Now that Prof. Whitfield has been elected president of the I. I. and C. the scramble for the position of State superintendent of education is on in full force, and many prominent Mississippi educators have signified their willingness to accept the position. Among the announced candidates for the vacancy are Prof. G. F. Boyd, superintendent of the public schools at Kosciusko; Prof. J. N. Powers, principal of the public school at West Point; Prof. H. P. Hughes, principal of the McComb City public schools and member of the State board of examiners; Prof. E. L. Bailey, superintendent of the public schools at Jackson; Mr. D. L. Ross, secretary of the University of Mississippi and member of the house of representatives. It is also rumored that Prof. Joe Cook, superintendent of the public schools in this city, will be a candidate for the position, and while licly his candidacy, the fact that he left for Jackson as soon as he learned of Prof. Whitfield's election to the presidency of the I. I. and C. seems to indicate that the rumor is not without foundation.

name of the successful candidate, a on the title had ever reached the ofgeneral impression that I Ross fice of the secretary of the treasury. will be appointed seems to prevail. Oxford and a member of the lower be several months before any definbranch of the State legislature. He ite decision is finally reached. is a self-made man, and is spindidly equipped in every way to acceptably

. . . Prof. Whitfield's Career.

mon schools of Mississippi than any Mr. Dud Reeves.

man who has ever held the office of State superintendent of education. He was appointed to the office by Governor McLaurin on September 17, 1898, to succeed Prof. A. A. Kincannon, who resigned to accept the presidency of the Industrial Institute and College, and it is somewhat of a coincidence that he now retires from the office of superintendent of education to succeed Prof. Kincannon at that institution, the latter having been recently elected to the chancellorship of the University of Mississippi.

During his nine years' incumbency of the office of State superintendent Prof. Whitfield has waged a continuous and aggressive campaign for the betterment of the common school system, and he has succeeded in having the rural school term lengthened by more than two months each year; better salaries paid to teachers, higher professional standard required for those employed in teaching work numerous new school houses built, and local tax levies made to support the schools. He is the author of many of the school laws now on the statute books, the past four legislative sessions having given prompt endorsement to his suggestions, and it was due to his earnest recommendation and counsel that the legislature of 1900 enacted the uniform school book law.

Prof. Whitfield is a native of the county of Rankin, which has produced more good politicians and successful public men than any county in the State. He is the eldest son of Robert Allen Whitfield and Mary Fitzhugh Whitfield, whose ancestors came from England in the seventeenth century and located in the Carolinas and in Virginia. Henry Whitfield was born on a farm near Brandon on June 20, 1868. His father, who is still residing in that county, is a member of the Baptist church. The youth attended the Fannia high school under the instruction of the late Dr. L. T. Fitzhugh, afterward president of Belhaven College. He entered the Mississippi College in December, 1885, and was graduated with a B. A. degree in 1894. The college course of Prof. Whitfield was not continuous, for he was compelled to work alternate years to procure the means with which to finish the course of study.

After leaving Mississippi College Prof. Whitfield taught in the public schools of Rankin county about five years, and was principal of the Steens Creek high school, one of the best institutions in that section of the State, for about six years, leaving that place when he was appointed superintendent of education in 1838. He was elected for a full term in 1899 and re-elected in 1903, each time without opposition.

Prof. Whitfield was married on Auguest 25, 1897, at Steens Creek, to Miss Lary Damper White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Henry White, and they have three children. He is prominent in the fraternities, belonging to a large number of orders, and his career in the office of State superintendent of education has shown him to be a man of rare executive ability and force of character, whose work for the St. e has been of inestimable value.

The Federal Builing. It seems that the sudgen death of Assistant United States District Attorney Buchanan, which recently occurred in Oxford, Mississippi, has caused another delay in the work of closing up the deal for the property on which the Federal building here Prof. Cook has not announced pub- is to be erected. Mr. Montgomery came here in March to examine the title of the McQuown property at the corner of College and Sixth streets, which was selected by the treasury department as the site of the proposed structure, and told Mr. Mc-Gov. Vardaman has stated that he Quown that he would hear from him will exercise no undue haste in ap- later regarding the matter. Soon pointing Prof. Whitfield's successor, after Mr. Buchanan's death Mr. Mcbut will give all who desire the po- Quown's attorney, Col. C. L. Lincoln, sition ample time in which to file wrote to the treasury department retheir application. While there is no garding the matter, and in reply remeans of definitely ascertaining the ceived a letter stating that no report

As matters now stand, it seems As stated above, Prof. Ross is now that another man will have to be sent secretary of the State University at here to examine the title, and it may

Mrs. J. H. Archer has returned discharge the duties of the position from Carrollton, Ala., where she was which Prof. Whitfield is about to recently called by the death of her little nephew, Marvin Blissett.

Miss Mary Reeves, of Vernon, is Prof. Whitfield has accomplished attending the normal, and while in more substantial work for the com- the city is a guest of her brother,

SAD TRAGEDY AT CARROLLTON

JNO. PARKER, WELL KNOWN IN COLUMBUS, KILLS FRANK B. THEROU, PROSPER-OUS TIMBER MAN.

The Killing Occurred Last Tuesday and is the Result of Family Troubles—Public Opinion Exonerates Parker.

A deplorable tragedy took place near Carrollton, Ala., last Tuesday, when Mr. John Parker, of the firm of Robinson & Parker, shot and killed Mr. F. B. Therou, a well known timber man living in the Carrollton neighborhood. The killing resulted from an alleged intimacy between Mrs. Parker and the dead man. Mr. Parker and his wife separated about two weeks ago, and Mrs. Parker went to the house of her brother, Mr. Lem McKinstry, to reside. On last Tuesday Parker visited the McKinstry homestead for the purpose, so it is said, of effecting a reconciliation with his wife. When he arrived she was not at home, and having learned that she had gone for a walk he followed her. Parker had proceeded but a short distance up the road when he saw his wife in company with Therou, and pulling out his pistol he fired on the man, killing him in-

After Parker had killed Theron he took his wife to the home of her brother and then proceeded to the undertaking establishment of Mr Spencer Curry in Carrollton. He told Mr. Curry that he had killed Therou, and after telling him where the killing occurred suggested that he take charge of the body and prepare it for burial.

All the parties concerned are very prominent in the business and social circles of the community in which they reside, and the shooting naturally created intense excitement there. Parker, as stated above, is a member the firm of Robinson & Parker, and is very well known in Columbus. His wife is a member of a prominent Western Alabama family, being the daughter of the late Hon. O. L. Mc-Kinstry, who was for many years probate judge of Pickens county. She is a refined and highly educated lady, who has stuck by Parker in numerous trials and vicissitudes, and the delicate position in which she has been placed by the shooting awakens universal sympathy. Therou, who was a French Canadian, had been living in the Carrollton neighborhood for several years, and seemingly enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was between thirty-five and forty years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

Mr. Parker was arraigned before Mayor Latham at Carrollton at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. The defendant was represented by Messrs. Curry and Robinson, and after listening to the testimony, which was to the effect that Mr. Parker was forced in Pickensville. to shoot Therou in order to avenge his wife's honor, the mayor found

The Pensacola Road.

Mr. James Coleman, of Pickensville, Ala., was in the city the past week. Mr. Coleman is one of the leading citizens of the Pickensville country, public spirited, and is very much interested in the building of the Memphis & Pensacola Railroad, subscribing liberally to that enterprise. Mr. Coleman keeps an ear open all the time for news from this road, and always gives the Columbus people the benefit of the rumors that reach him from time to time.

Upon the occasion of his recent visit here he stated that he was assured by traveling men from that section that work on the road from Pensacola, Fla., to Andalusia, Ala., a distance of nearly eighty miles, was actively in progress, and this much of the road will be completed and in operation before the present year is over. While this particular piece of roadbed is intended to be a part of the line, its construction does not mean, necessarily, that the whole road will be built right away, for the Andalusia extension gives the people of Pensacola connection with another system, other than the L. & N., and that is the main reason why this part of the work is being rushed to completion.

A significant circumstance which comes to Mr. Coleman by rumor is that the surveying party is in the field making a permanent location of the line, and it is stated that they are in the Demopolis neighborhood enis true it is encouraging to the people of this section for two reasons; indicative of the fact that work will soon begin, and coming to Demopolis would show that the original plans of the projectors to build the road

to Columbus would be carried cut. Columbus has never subscribed to this enterprise, although West Point and other cities in Mississippi have done so. That the builders of the road realize that this city will subscribe, there can be no doubt, for once convinced that the line will be built, the people of this city and county will make any reasonable concessions and subscriptions in order to assure the road being brought to Columbus.

The Memphis and Pensacola road is a project in which the people of this city feel a deeper interest than in all others, for its construction will mean the making of a great city Blackburn, 2 b. 3 0 2 2 4 here. For that reason any rumor concerning developments in this direction is of supreme interest.

donia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Molloy, at her home on North Third avenue. Miss Lawrence is attending the normal which is now being held in this city.

Mr. Alex Wolff, a former Columbian, but now a resident of Memphis, was in the city a few days the past

Miss Blanche Gunter leaves soon for a visit to friends and relatives

Miss Sallie Baugh left yesterday him not guilty and dismissed the for a visit to relatives in Montgomery, Alabama.

Two cabins which rent for \$6.00 a month. Price. \$600.

Real Estate Sacrificed

- A four-room cottage, corner lot, good neighborhood. Price, \$2100.
- A four-room cottage and lot, worth \$1200 and a vacant lot worth \$500. Both will be closed out for \$1200. Small payment down

and interest on the balance.

The Joseph Lee House, on the northwest corner of the court house square. Brick gers from the city of blind tigers will be able to deliver the goods house, eight rooms, fine boarding house site, will be closed out at \$2750. Come quick, as it will sell at this figure.

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COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON MADE IT

CHRISTMAN WAS CHARY WITH HIS HITS ON THURSDAY AND ROBINSON WG FRIDAY'S GAME.

Not a Single Columbian Touched the Home Plate Thursday or Friday - Locals Made Two Runs on Yesterday.

Inability to hit Chrisman caused game with Jackson on Thursday afternoon by a score of four to nothing. The talented twirler who was secured by Jackson in exchange for the illustrious "Bug" Raymond sent the pigskin hurrying and scurrying three hits were secured during the progress of the game. These were made by Huber, Wright and Andrews, but availed nothing, as not the third bag.

Wheeler was in the box for the Stolen base-Jones. Base on ballslocals, and barring a sporadic ten- of Watson 3, off Robinson 1, off Cadency toward wildness pitched a very sey 1. Struck out-by Watson, by good game. The Blind Tigers got Robinson 5, by Meredith 2, by Casey their claws, or rather their clubs, on 1. Hits-off Watson 1, off Meredith nine of his balls for hits that were 13. Sacrifice hits-Petit, Keen. Dougood enough to be recorded as safe- ble play-Keen to Blackburn to Sailties in the official scores, and he al- lard. Time of game, 1:45. Umpire, gaged in this work. If this report lowed four of the Jacksonians to walk to the pie counter, which in baseball parlance is known as first first, that the location of the perma- base, but Wheeler's work on the yesterday afternoon, having won the nent line by the surveying party is whole was rather good, and had the third game of the series by a score locals been able to connect more effectively with Chrisman's curves they the closest and mose exciting of the might have won the game.

> Thursday's game in detail: Columbus: AB R H PO A Dowling, c. f... 4 0 0 Andrews, c.... 4 0 1 4 Wright, 1 b.... 3 0 1

Jackson: AB R H PO A Taylor, l. f.... 3 Claire, s. s. . . . 4 Montgomery, c.f. 3 0 3 3 Vinson, r. f.... 4 0 0 1 0 Petit, c..... 4 Saillard, 1 b... 4 0 1 8 Keen, 3 b.... 4 0 0 0 3

Totals.....32 4 9 27 11 1 Score by innings: Columbus.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Taylor, 1. f.... 4

Summary: Two base hit-Taylor, Montgomery, c.f. 5 0 Stolen base-Jones. Bases on balls -off Wheeler 4, off Chrisman 3 Struck out-by Wheeler 4, by Chrisman 5, Hit by pitcher-Chrisman Saillard, 1 b... 3 0 3 by Wheeler. Wild pitch-Chrisman, Keen, 3 b. . . . 3 6 2 Wheeler. Sacrifice hit - Montgomery. Double play-Wheeler to Jones. Barber, p..... 1 0 0 0 0

sibly two of three, runs, when Watson relinquished the pitcher's box to Robinson, who retired the side

Wright also worked two pitchers, but neither one proved impregnable to the onslaught of the visitors. Meredith, who since coming here great ball, started in to pitch for the would win his game, but it was an tered the box.

Friday's game in detail: Dowling, c. f... 4 0 0 1 0 0 reach the city last night.

THREE STRAIGHTS

the Columbians to lose the opening over the plate in a manner that deceived our best bastmen, and only a single runner even went beyond Montgomery, Blackburn. Three base

Totals....30 0 3 27 14

Miss Siddye Lawrence, of Cale-Chrisman, p.... 3 1 0 0 1

Jackson... 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 0-4 Claire, s. s.... 5

Time, 1:45. Umpire, Stickney.

At the beginning of Friday's game things looked easy for Columbus, but Columbus. . 0 6 1 6 1 0 0 1 0-3 appearances are ever deceptive, and Jackson ... 9 1 0 0 0 1 3 0-5 what looked like a victory for the with every prospect of one, and posbefore a single Columbian scored.

Huber, s. s.... 2 0 0 5 4 1

Wright, 1 b 3 McDivitt, l. f... 3 Meredith, p.... 3 Casey, p..... 0 Turner * 1 Jones, 2 b.... 4 Mnush, 3 b.... 4 0 May, r. f..... 3 0 1 1 0

Totals....30 0 7 27 13 3 * Batted for Casey.

Jackson: ABR H PO A E Taylor, 1. f.... 5 1 Claire, s. s.... 4 Montgomery, c.f. 5 Blackburn, 2 b. 5 Vinson, r. f.... 5 Baillard, 1 b... 5 1 Keen, 3 b.... 4 0 1 Watson, p.... 0 0 0 0 0 0 Robinson, p.... 4 1 1 0 2

Totals.....41 9 16 27 14 0

Score by innings: Columbus... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 Jackson.... 0 0 0 2 1 2 0 0 4-9 Summary: Two base hits-Claire, hit-Taylor. Home run - Salllard.

Stickney.

Jackson made it three straights series, having been the first in which Columbus was able to score Up to the seventh inning the score stood two to one in favor of the locals, but Jackson made three more runs, while Columbus got only o one additional score, Watson, who pitched the first inning for Jackson Friday, started in to pitch yesterday o afternoon, but was hit freely and Manush, 3 b... 2 0 0 2 0 0 retired in fever in Barber, who prov-Wheeler, p.... 3 0 0 1 3 0 ed more exective. May was in the box for the locals.

> Salurday's game in detail: Columbus: AB R H PO A E Huber, s. s. . . . 3 McDivitt, L. f... 4 Wright, 1 b 4 0 1 Kenlock, r. f... 3 1 2 0 Andrews, c ... 4 0 1 Jones, 2 b.... 4 Manush, 3 b... 4 0 1 May, p. 4 1 0 1

Totals 33 3 7 27 15 2 Jackson: Blackburn, 2 b. 3 1 1 Vinson, r. f.... 3 2 0 Petit, c..... 2 Watsen, p..... 1 0 1 0 0 0

Totals.....30 5 12 27 13 2 Score by innings

Summary: Two base hits-Tay-Discoverers finally resulted in their lor, Montgomery, Sa thard. Bases on ignominious defeat, Jackson having balls-off Watson 5. Struck outwon the game by a nine to nothing by Watson 1, by Barber 2, by May 3. score. Watson started in to pitch for Pit by pitcher - Kemlock, Barber. the visitors, and Wright's men had Wild pitch - May. Sacrifice hitseasy walking to the bases. They Huber, Kemlock, Andrews, Taylor, had the bases full in the first inning, Blackburn, Vinson, Petit 2, Saillard, Watson. Time - 2 hours. Umpire-

Team Being Strengthened.

The local baseball team is to be strengthened by the addition of several new men. President Banks and Manager Wright have ben trying for some time to secure good players. from Webb City has been playing and their efforts have at last been rewarded. One of the new men is locals, and the rooters in both grand a pitcher named Wheeler. This is stand and bleachers felt sure that he not the illustrious Joe Matt, but a twirler who has been working on the off day for Meredith, and the slug- Little Rock slab, and who, it is said, and "benched" politicians batted him Little Rock has also wen drawn upon so freely that he was retired in the for a catcher name, Kunkle, who fifth inning, giving place to Casey, will snatch the kinks and curves that who pitched the remainder of the come humming over the plate. Kingame. Casey started out well, but loch, fast fielder whe has been worksoon gave down, and the score of the ing in the South Atlantic League, has visitors continued to increase, three also been secured. He will be placed runs having been made after he en- in the outer garden, working in either right or center field. Kinloch arrived yesterday morning, and Wheel-Columbus: ABR H PO A E er and Kunkle were expected to

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